

NEWS OF THE HUB.

Afro-American Voters Waiting for the Loaves and Fishes—Color-Line in the Army.

Boston, Mass., Special—The eyes of many colored voters of New England are now turned toward Boston. The atmosphere is full of expectancy because of the appointments which Mayor-elect Hart is said to have up his sleeve for the colored politicians of the city. These positions have already been fixed upon by the colored leaders and they are now waiting to see if the mayor will accede to their demands. Among these offices are some very high positions, to which no colored man has in the past aspired. One of these is the office of superintendent of lamps, for which ex-Representative William L. Reed has been slated. The attitude of the mayor in regard to these appointments will decide the question whether it is the best policy for the colored man in this section of the country to turn democratic in municipal affairs as well as in voting for president. White and colored people agree alike that the colored men picked out for the positions are fully capable of holding them. The only question is: Will the colored man get his just recognition? The colored voters of New England usually look to Boston for advice on the subject of voting, so that the appointment or refusal of appointment to these offices, may send what is left of the colored republicans over to the democratic party. It is estimated that half of the colored voting population of Boston went democratic on the last election.

Roscoe Conkling Bruce, son of late Senator Blanche K. Bruce, is to address the Fraternal Association at the celebration of its 30th anniversary on Jan. 25. Mr. Bruce is the most popular colored student in Harvard. His forensic abilities have placed him as a peer of any of the white orators in the college this year. Not only is he well liked in Cambridge, but he is the star among the society folk of the city.

The people of the city have become very indignant over the alleged discrimination of the colored officers of the 49th United States volunteers at the mess table. This regiment contains some officers from Boston. The story runs as follows: Soon after leaving San Francisco it was evident that at least in the dining room of the transport Warren the racial line would be drawn. As soon as the first gong sounded the white officers would quietly make their way to the saloon and occupy all the seats at the table. When the second gong sounded the colored officers would find that there was no place for them and they were compelled to await the pleasure of the white officers and eat at the second table. The colored officers endured this state of affairs for a few days, until they were certain that there was a premeditated design to keep them at a distance. Then one of the colored officers sought out the colonel and asked why the distinction was made. The colored officers further punctuated his remarks by saying "Colonel, there will be a big row raised in Washington when this distinction among the officers becomes known." Perhaps there will if the statements are fully borne out, as an officer's shoulder straps give him equal rights and privileges, whether he is white or colored, the army regulations prescribing rigid observance of respect and deference from the other officers and sailors alike.

Child culture among the lowly colored people of the South is liable to be greatly helped by an association which

has been started in the city under the supervision of Mrs. Josephine Ruffin. The Association is composed of female race workers, who have recognized that the primal duty to the colored people of these dark regions is to give the children some sort of insight into the knowledge of how to live.

The Soldiers' Aid Society, composed of young society girls gave a charity hop a few nights ago in Paine Memorial Hall. Miss Mamie Lewis, the daughter of J. H. Lewis was floor director, assisted by Miss Lillian Lewis and Miss Georgine Glover. The affair was one of the society events of the season.

Rapid strides have been made during the past few months by the True Reformers of this city. Chief Hamilton is now preparing to start a new fountain.

That prejudice in the athletics of the schools is gradually dying out is shown by the election of George Stanley Lewis the youngest son of J. H. Lewis, to the captaincy of the English High School football team. The team this year will probably be composed of all white fellows.

Edward Everett Brown, looking as jovial as ever, arrived in the city from Philadelphia last Sunday. He spoke very enthusiastically of the reception that was given him in Washington, and told the members of the Colored National League of the possibilities of his anti lynching bill becoming a law.

FREDERICK F. SMITH.

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